

## REMARKS

Prior to repairing a first Office Action, the Examiner initiated a telephone interview with the undersigned representative of the Applicants, wherein the Examiner stated that he had completed his searching of the relevant prior art, and did not locate prior art references disclosing or suggesting the use of radiation-sintered metal powder material to form gradient coil conductors for a magnetic resonance apparatus. In the telephone interview, however, the Examiner stated that in the claims as presented in Amendment "A" Prior to Action, the designation of a gradient coil system appears only in the preamble, and therefore the Examiner considered this recitation to only be a statement of intended use, rather than a structural limitation. It was agreed in the telephone interview that amending the claims as set forth above would overcome this objection, and the claims would then be in condition for allowance.

In view of the agreements reached at the interview, all claims of the application are submitted to be in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 501519.

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